

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 109

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to commend and congratulate Barry Brickey of the Kingsport Fire Department upon receiving the Tennessee Public Fire Educator of the Year Award.

WHEREAS, the citizens of our State and this nation are justly proud of the brave men and women of our local fire departments who respond to fires and other calamities, often putting their lives on the line to preserve life and property; and

WHEREAS, as a part of their duties, fire department personnel engage in public education programs, particularly in school systems, in an effort to indoctrinate children on fire safety issues and the proper action to take in case of fire; and

WHEREAS, Barry Brickey, Public Education Officer for the Kingsport Fire Department, was selected from a vast pool of qualified professionals as Tennessee's Public Fire Educator of the Year for 2006 by the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, Division of Fire Prevention, in recognition of his excellence as a fire safety instructor; and

WHEREAS, "the lessons taught by Mr. Brickey are ones that can last a lifetime," says Assistant Commissioner Emmett H. Turner, acknowledging that Barry Brickey's dedication to fire safety, education, and prevention is an asset to the Kingsport Fire Department and surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, since joining the Kingsport Fire Department in July 2006, Mr. Brickey has dramatically increased fire safety awareness in Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, he has diligently continued the *Learn Not to Burn Program* in Kingsport's seven elementary schools; he has also taught fire safety to Kingsport's Head Start Program and other numerous daycare programs in the city; and

WHEREAS, Public Education Officer Brickey has been the featured speaker for numerous civic organizations, including the Kingsport Public Library, the Kingsport Area Safety Council, Eastman Chemical Company, and Dobyns-Bennett High School; and

WHEREAS, from July through December 2006, Officer Brickey has taught fire safety to more than 5,000 children and adults through station tours and school visits; through his initiatives, the Kingsport Fire Department began a fire safety billboard and television campaign, reaching more than 36,000 Kingsport individuals per day; and

WHEREAS, in July 2006, the Kingsport Fire Department also worked with Operation Fire Safe to distribute more than 10,000 smoke detectors during Fun Fest; Officer Brickey solicited the help of eleven area Volunteer Fire Departments in distributing more smoke detectors to citizens outside of Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, a resident of the Bloomingdale Community of Kingsport, Barry Brickey is a graduate of Sullivan North High School and Northeast State Technical Community College; and

WHEREAS, faithfully serving his country, he is a proud Veteran of the Tennessee Air National Guard; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Brickey is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Rebekah, and children, Nathaniel and Hannah; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brickey worships faithfully at Celebration Church in Blountville, where he is a volunteer youth leader; and

WHEREAS, Public Education Officer Barry Brickey's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, the effective instruction in fire safety provided by Barry Brickey is worthy of this General Assembly's applause and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we pause in our deliberations to commend and specially honor Kingsport Fire Department Public Education Officer Barry Brickey upon receiving the Tennessee Public

Fire Educator of the Year Award and thank him for his patience and excellence in teaching fire safety to Tennessee's citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.